

Thompson Chain-of-Lakes Fishing Access Site (FAS)

Camping Fee Proposal - Tentative

The Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Commission passed a tentative proposal at their September meeting to implement camping fees at the Thompson Chain-of-Lakes FAS complex located approximately mid-way between Kalispell and Libby in Northwestern Montana.

This 3,000 acre site provides dispersed camping opportunities for up to approximately 150 camper units throughout the 14 lakes. FWP manages approximately 320 FASs statewide with camping fees currently in-place at 45 FASs throughout Montana.

Camping fees collected at FASs are utilized for maintenance efforts. These maintenance activities include latrine pumping, signage, weed control, litter pickup, and other related maintenance efforts. The FAS camping fees are:

- \$7/night for fishing license holders and \$12/night for non-fishing license holders.
- Also proposed is that FWP explore a FAS camping coupon option that could be pre-purchased for use at the Thompson Chain-of-Lakes site.

Public comments concerning the proposed implementation of camping fees at the Thompson Chain-of-Lakes FAS should be submitted to FWP by 5:00 pm, Friday, October 17, 2003. The FWP Commission will take final action on the tentative proposal at their November 13th meeting in Helena.

Submit your comments to:

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